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Final Delta Plan: Executive Summary

Summary: This report provides an update on the status of the revised Executive Summary for the final Delta Plan. The current draft of the Executive Summary is attached to this report for Council review.

Background

Based on previous Council direction on the Delta Plan's Executive Summary, staff is preparing a revised Executive Summary. The revised version is intended to also serve as a "stand alone" outreach document for the Delta Plan that will appeal to a lay audience. The revised version will provide background on the Delta, capture Delta Plan goals and objectives, and summarize the Plan's policies and recommendations.

Staff has enlisted the help of author John Hart to revise the existing Executive Summary. Mr. Hart of San Rafael has been covering the California water scene since the 1970s, most recently in "The Once and Future Delta: Mending the Broken Heart of California" (*Bay Nature*, April-June 2010). His fifteen books include *San Francisco Bay: Portrait of an Estuary* (2003) and *Storm Over Mono: The Mono Lake Battle and the California Water Future* (1996), both with University of California Press. He is a two-time winner of the Commonwealth Club of California Medal in Californiana and has recognitions from the Bay Institute of San Francisco, the National Outdoor Book Awards, the National Park Service, the Soil and Water Conservation Society, the San Francisco Foundation, others.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council members review the draft Executive Summary and offer any comments or edits they believe warrant inclusion in the final Delta Plan.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Draft Executive Summary for Final Delta Plan

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